GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:696
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
SPECIAL COURTS FOR CORPORATE LITIGATIONS
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up special courts to handle corporate litigations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cases pending in various courts at present, State-wise;

(d) the number of cases disposed during each of the last three years, court-wise; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite settlement of these cases?

Answer

MINISTER FOR LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) to (e) :A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.696 FOR ANSWER ON 15.5.2000

(a) :No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) :Does not arise.

(c) & (d):The number of corporate cases pending and disposed of in the Supreme Court and High Courts areas per Statements enclosed at Annexe I and Annexe II respectively. No information is being maintained in the Deptt. of Justice regarding corporate cases separately in the Subordinate / District Courts.

(e) :Pendency of all types of cases including cases relating to corporate litigation i.e. litigation between two or more corporates is a cause of concern for both the Government and the Judiciary. Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of all cases. These include amendment in the Code of Civil Procedure and the Code of Criminal Procedure, increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.

In addition, the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts have taken steps to expedite disposal of cases including cases involving companies such as more practical categorisation and grouping of cases, non accumulation of defective matters, setting up of specialised benches, etc.

ANNEXE II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED NO. 696 FOR 15.5.2000

(A) NUMBER OF COMPANY CASES DISPOSED OF BY HIGH COURT DURING 1997, 1998 AND 1999

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	DURING THE YEAR 1997	1998	1999
1.	Allahabad	123	99	118
2.	Andhra Pradesh	387	1112	1071

3.	Bombay	2157	2825	4566
4.	Calcutta	631	400	744
5.	Delhi	3068	3149	5764
6.	Gauhati	55	38	NA +
7	Gujarat	626	649	NA +
8.	Himachal Pradesh	38	22	18
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	11	0
10.	Karnataka	649	595	958
11.	Kerala	177	148	153
12.	Madhya Pradesh	94	125	86
13.	Madras	4513	330	1352
14.	Orissa	31	12	9
15.	Patna	105	21	11 ++
16.	Punjab & Haryana	350	724	444
17.	Rajasthan	104	126	22 ++
18.	Sikkim	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL		13108	10386	15316

\+ information not received.
++ information received upto September,99.

	Year	Admission matters	Regular matters
(B) Supreme Court of India (under categories Company Law, MRTP & allied matters)	1997	76	58
	1998	120	5
	1999	159	0

ANNEXE I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 696 FOR 15.5.2000

(A) NUMBER OF COMPANY CASES PENDING IN THE HIGH COURTS AS PER LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Pending as on	Total
1.	Allahabad	31-12-99	304
2.	Andhra Pradesh	31-12-99	289
3.	Bombay	31-12-99	2175

4.	Calcutta	31-12-99	559
5.	Delhi	31-12-99	9698
6.	Gauhati	31-12-98	153
7	Gujarat	31-12-98	1242
8.	Himachal Pradesh	31-12-99	74
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	31-12-99	25
10.	Karnataka	31-12-99	4003
11.	Kerala	31-12-99	513
12.	Madhya Pradesh	31-12-99	267
13.	Madras	31-12-99	10149
14.	Orissa	31-12-99	335
15.	Patna	30-09-99	74
16.	Punjab & Haryana	31-12-99	394
17.	Rajasthan	30-09-99	396
18.	Sikkim	31-12-99	0
GRAND TOTAL			30650

(B) No. of corporate cases pending in Supreme Court as on 1.5.2000 is 258 (i.e. 40 admission matters and 218 regular matters).